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In the absence of Mr. Sengwe (Zimbabwe), Mr.Alom, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 123: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST (continued)

(b) UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (continued) (A/C.5/51/L.71)

1. Mr. YUSSUF (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.71, the text of which was similar to that of General Assembly resolution 50/89 B. The main differences were the final preambular paragraph which recalled that the Secretary-General had been requested to evaluate the damages resulting from the incident that had occurred at the headquarters of the Force at Qana on 18 April 1996 and the costs thereof; paragraph 6 by which the General Assembly would decide to exclude from the budget of the Force the costs directly attributable to the said incident; and paragraph 7 by which the General Assembly would decide that the total amount attributable to those damages, namely $1,724,618, would be borne by Israel.

2. In the light of the Secretariat's clarification that Israel had already made a contribution of $49,000, the Group of 77 and China had subtracted that amount from the total figure in paragraph 7. The figures in paragraph 8 would be supplied pursuant to a decision by the Fifth Committee regarding the support account for peacekeeping operations.

3. The Group of 77 and China were willing to negotiate in good faith on the provisions of the draft resolution currently before the Committee, but if no consensus could be reached it would be necessary to proceed to a vote on the text.

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.